



# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Visit to Truro Cathedral



On Tuesday Carn Brea class had a phenomenal trip to Truro Cathedral. We were lucky enough to arrive to see the beginning of their Christmas tree being put up. We were then treated to a musical experience with Chris Gray (the cathedral's music director). We dressed up as the choir and he taught us a new Christmas Carol down stairs in the choir vestry. One we were confident Chris took us all back up into the main cathedral and we sang to all the lucky other visitors accompanied by the full organ. Miss Berry got quite emotional at how beautiful it was! We learned that the organ has over 2700 pipes, the lowest note was very funny. (What an experience) We then played a game of hide and seek with Riff Raff the cathedral cat and his friends. Each one was hidden in an important part of the cathedral and Kirsten our tour guide taught us about the beautiful font, lecturn, altar, pulpit, organ and stained glass windows. We then spent the afternoon building our own cathedral, drawing all the facts we had learned and reading a story from the bible. The children were all very tired at the end of the day from all that learning. A record 6 children slept on the way home!



## Dates for your diary:

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** –

Bikeability for Year 6 (6 children)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Wear something blue for Diabetes (suggested donation 50p)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Tree decorating assembly – whole school

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Parent Free Zone 12-1pm Christmas present wrapping service. Please could any parents able to help let Mrs Wood know.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Choir singing at Barripper Chapel at 6.30pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Penponds School Christmas Concert at Wesley Chapel 6pm for 6.30pm start

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Penponds Village Nativity at 3.30pm – Village Event

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Carn Brea and Godolphin Class Christmas Nativity – 5.30pm drop off, 6pm start

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols at



**Penponds Speaks**



On 19th November 2018, 9 children (Gina, Jake, Ruby, Jess, Thomas, Piran, Harvey and Eloise) took part in Penponds Speaks. Everyone did really well but sadly, only six people could get into the next round. The people who got through were Gina (Speaker), Jake (Vote of Thanks), Ruby (Chair), Thomas (Vote of Thanks), Eloise (Chair) and Alice (Speaker).

Tregenna Nursing Home – Choir

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Carn Brea and Godolphin Class Christmas Nativity – 5.30pm drop off, 6pm start

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas workshop at Penponds Church for Trencrom and Godolphin Classes

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Workshop at Penponds Church for Tregonning Class

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Penponds Tree Lights switch on at 6pm – village event

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Family Lantern Making in the hall – Whole school

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner – whole school

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of school for children

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Camborne Lantern Parade

**Inset Days:**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – first day back for children

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – NEXUS Maths

Masterclass 8.55am

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – NEXUS Maths

Masterclass 8.55am

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**



NEXUS Maths  
Masterclass 8.55am  
**Monday 18th March**  
NEXUS Maths  
Masterclass 8.55am  
**Monday 1st April**  
NEXUS Maths  
Masterclass 8.55am  
**Monday 29th April**  
NEXUS Maths  
Masterclass 8.55am  
**Monday 13th May**  
NEXUS Maths  
Masterclass 8.55am

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 –**  
Penponds Family Festival

**Attendance:**

Carn Brea: 97.22%  
Godolphin:  
Y1 – 97.39%  
YR2 – 100%  
Trencrom: 97.71%  
Tregonning: 96.15%

**Attendance Trophy:**

Year 2 – Godolphin Class

**Awards:**

**Top Table** – Jake, Evie,  
Piran C, Isobel

**Carn Brea** – Hermione,  
Jessica, Joel

**Godolphin** –  
Y1 – Abbie, Kaira,  
Annabelle  
Y2 - Freya B, Charlie,  
Janise  
**Trencrom** – Evie, Ben,  
Vincent  
**Tregonning** – Rosie, Ben,  
Alfie  
**Headteacher** – Emelia,  
Indie-Rae, Toby, Ia, Alice,  
Harvey, Gina, Piran E,  
Eloise, Thomas, Jessica,  
Jake, Ruby

**Maths** – Jasmine C, Issie,  
Piran C, Jasmine H, Mack

**Phoenix Gymnastics**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 some children in Class 4 (Ben, Ruby, Alex, Piran, Alice, Amy, Lemmy, Ellena and Megan) went to the Phoenix Gymnastics Club for a competition against other schools in the Camborne area. First we did a floor routine and then our body management. After that we used the vault and did some squat jumps on it. At the end the results were announced. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places were from different schools but luckily from our school, Alice came 1<sup>st</sup> and Amy came 2<sup>nd</sup> and were awarded nice shiny gold medals from Camborne Science and International Academy (CSIA). We had lots of fun and we thanked CSIA for arranging the competition. By Amy and Alice



## NEXUS Evolution Workshop

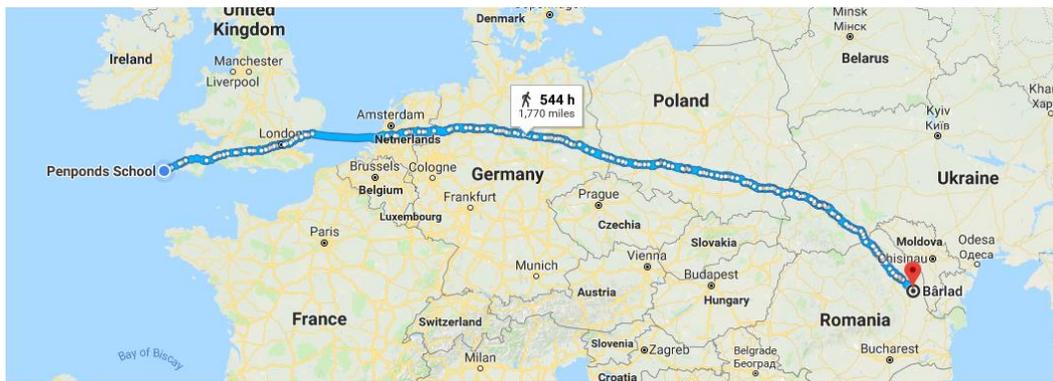
On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Tregonning Class went to NEXUS for an Evolution Workshop. When we got there we went into the science room and met Mrs Gourley (Bella's Mum). She was the teacher who was going to teach us for the afternoon. When we got settled we started the lesson. We got handed a piece of paper which had eight extinct animals on it. Next we got a tray with one fossil and a piece of paper with lots of different types of fossils on it. We got told to walk around the room and to label the different types of fossils.



After that activity had finished we played a game called 'be a bird' where we had a tray of pasta, beans and rice. Mrs Gourley also gave some of us a spoon, some of us a knife and the rest of us forks. Then she gave us all cups. She counted '3....2....1....go'. All of us scooped up as much food as we could. The spoons won because they had more of a scoop. After a few minutes of that we unfortunately had to leave so we all said a big "thank you" and headed back to school. By Amy and Lilly

## School in a bag

As part of our family festival the school council decided to raise money for the School In A Bag charity which provides basic learning equipment to children around the world who are not so fortunate as us. We've had an email saying our bags that we packed have now been given to children from Barlad, Romania, more than 1770 miles away! The photos show the Romanian pupils with our bags. Thanks to everyone who supported this worthy cause.



Nessy – Piran E, William G, Jessica, Hollie, Emily T

## Quote for this week:

"Every piece of the puzzle is required to complete the scene, while some have rough edges and some smooth, they all have value. Being grateful for each piece is not always easy, but it is necessary."

— Greg Dutilly



## Job Vacancy

The governors of St Meriadoc Nursery and Infant Academy are looking to appoint a passionate and dedicated Learning Support Assistant (TA) to work across Key Stage 1.

The successful candidate will have high aspirations for the children and be fully committed to promoting their welfare, rising confidently to challenges in order to meet individual learning needs. Experience of working with children with special educational needs across Key Stage 1 is desirable and the ability to work both as part of a team and individually is a necessity.

St Meriadoc Nursery and Infant Academy is part of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust, working in partnership with Penponds School, Troon School and St Meriadoc Junior Academy where we believe that together, we are building a brighter future for our children. We are looking for a new member of staff to embrace and support our schools in creating an environment where the children have the opportunity to be the best they can be.

### Job Details:

Location	St Meriadoc Nursery and Infant Academy
Post	Learning Support Assistant
Grade/salary	C or D C-£7.83-£8.10 per hour D- £7.84-£8.41 per hour. Grade will be determined according to qualifications and experience.
Hours per week	25
Contract	Fixed term until July 2019
Application closing date	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Interview date	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Other information	The role will include SEN intervention, speech and language intervention and leading a Read Write Inc. phonics group. Training will be provided if required.

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding the safeguarding of our students and the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Visits to our school are welcome by appointment. For an application pack or to make an appointment please contact please contact Mrs Rebekah Bailey by telephone 01209 713982 or email [rbailey@rainbowacademy.org.uk](mailto:rbailey@rainbowacademy.org.uk)

# COULD YOUR CHILD HAVE TYPE 1 DIABETES?

Toilet



Thirsty



Tired

Thinner



If your child is going to the toilet a lot, has increased thirst, is more tired than usual or is losing weight, it could be a sign they have Type 1 diabetes. If not diagnosed early enough, Type 1 diabetes can be fatal. Don't delay – if your child is experiencing any of the **4 Ts**, visit your doctor immediately for a test.

[www.diabetes.org.uk/The4Ts](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/The4Ts)

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# CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
11am - 3pm



Cornwall Air Ambulance

Santa's Grotto • Story telling

Christmas activities • The Singing Seagulls

See the current helicopter • Refreshments

Meet the crew • Pop-up charity shop

Annual Draw tickets



## PENPONDS VILLAGE NATIVITY

The annual Penponds village nativity will take place on Sunday December 16th, meet at 4pm in the village square.

Everyone welcome to take part. You do not have to live in the village. There are no lines to learn and it is all great fun.

Grown-ups please wear your tea towels on your head and/or dress as Shepherds if you can.

Children please come as Angels or Wise Men if you like.

Please bring a wrapped present, marked for man/woman/child (approx. age) if you can.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible there. Feel free to bring friends, family etc.

Let's make it the best ever!

Minnie and Katy Kitson



## **Barripper Village Association**

Your upcoming events

### **Festive Craft and Toy Table Top Sale**

**18<sup>th</sup> November – Barripper Village Hall**

**11am start**

Tables are available at £5 each – please speak to Margaret Morcom, Sarah Roberts, Tina Williams or Lynsey Dennis to book your table.

Refreshments will be available

### **Village Bingo**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Barripper Village Hall**

**7pm onwards**

### **Santa's Grotto**

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Barripper Village Hall**

**2pm to 4pm**

Bring your child to meet Santa!

Kids disco, games and crafts, letter from Santa and gift

Refreshments will be available

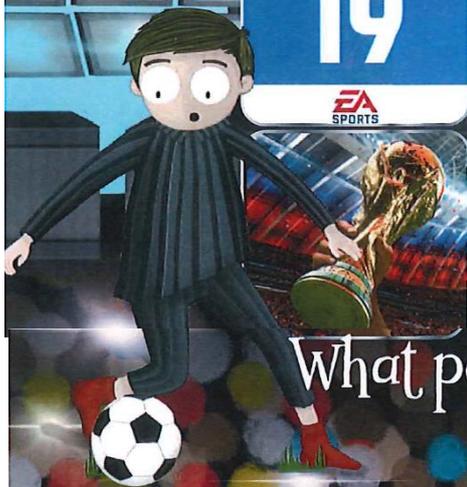
Tickets are £7.50 per child – please contact Margaret Morcom, Sarah Roberts, Tina Williams or Lynsey Dennis to book your child's place. Please let us know your child's age at the time of booking

# FIFA 19

EA SPORTS

You don't need to be the biggest football fan in the world to have heard of FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) - the governing body for football. And, the video game series bearing the organisation's name is one of the most successful ever. The lure of this football series is that official licensing gives your child the opportunity to play games in the role of their favourite players. They can either work through a story mode version of the game or play online in competitions against other players. The game, released annually by Electronic Arts under the EA Sports label, is available for a range of consoles, and there are also mobile versions available for smartphones and tablets. The most recent version is FIFA 18, but FIFA 19 is due for release later in the year.

AGE RESTRICTION  
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## What parents need to know about

# FIFA

### CONSTANT SERIES REFRESHES

The big selling point for the FIFA range of games is that it includes current players; a feature which no other football video game offers. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players and stadia, plus new gameplay features and tweaks. And, with every annual update of the game, there is an expectation that it will be far better than the previous one, so the pressure to upgrade and buy the new version is likely to be immense!

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### IN-GAME CHAT

While the FIFA video game is suitable for children of all ages as it does not include any inappropriate content, there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play with other people online and chat with them using headsets. As this is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that you deem unsuitable.

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### FAKE EMAILS, SCAMS AND COPYCAT WEBSITES

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appear to be a genuine FIFA promotion. While the link may seem like a FIFA login page, it's a phishing scam to capture a login name and password. Scammers may use names that sound legitimate, like 'EA Admin' or 'FIFA Developer'.

### BUYING ADD-ONS

In-game purchases are to be expected in any modern game and FIFA is no different. FIFA Ultimate Team (commonly called FUT) is a mode in FIFA that lets gamers build teams of players from any league, playing both offline and online to win coins. These can be used to buy better players or packs containing random players. While some purchases can be made using in-game currency, other purchases involve spending with real world money, which could become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills resulting from in-game purchase made by their children.

### JUST ONE MORE GAME

Your child could be playing FIFA games on their computer or console for very long periods of time. That's not to say that computer-based matches are a full 90 minutes long, but a series of 20-minute matches can very quickly fill up a day! The World Health Organisation has classified 'gaming disorder' as a mental health problem - this is when children have trouble controlling their gaming behaviour and let it reign over their lives and daily routine.

### FIFA GAMEPLAY

The FIFA series has been criticised for the competitive nature of gameplay leading to aggression in some players. Add to this the chance to converse with other players via in-game chat, and the potential for anger levels is likely to rise... especially if you're losing heavily!



## National Online Safety

# Top Tips for Parents



### CONSTANT SERIES REFRESHES / WHAT TO DO?

As a parent, the implications of this really depends on the age of your child and your relationship with them. It may be that playing and sharing games is part of your family life and so this isn't a problem, but just be mindful that being involved with the FIFA franchise is unlikely to be a one-off event - it's the start of a gaming journey that could last for many, many years and involve numerous (potentially expensive) upgrades.

### IN GAME CHAT

It's unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play FIFA without making use of the chat facility - it's something that adds to the experience. However, you should ensure your child is aware of how to silence any abusive players and how to report anyone who becomes problematic.

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### FAKE EMAILS, SCAMS AND COPYCAT WEBSITES

You should teach your children to stay clear of scams. Explain to them that they must be wary of any link which asks them to either verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information; game developers will never send a message asking for login information. Console messages, emails and websites, or social media posts promoting contests for in-game content, such as packs, players, or coins requiring login information are fake.

### BUYING ADD-ONS

To spend real money in FIFA, a credit or debit card must be linked to a gaming account, so ensure that your card is not being used for this! There's also support for PayPal payment, so also check who has access to this type of account. Depending on the platform your child is using to play FIFA, there are different parental controls that can be put in place to restrict spending should you allow them to link a card to their account. There is also a payment option called Paysafecard, which allows you to make payments online without the use of a bank account or credit card. As you can top up balances, this makes it easy to control spending.

### JUST ONE MORE GAME

The parental controls on consoles can be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing. Physically monitoring how much time your child is spending in FIFA is recommended - just as you might monitor how much time they spend watching TV. Keep an eye out for warning signs, such as a lack of interest in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene, changes in character or anger issues when your child is told to stop playing a game.

### FIFA GAMEPLAY

Monitoring in-game chat may be difficult as you're likely to only be able to hear one side of a conversation. However, noticing how your child is reacting may be a reasonable indicator of the general mood. Dealing with both the frustrations of a game as well as troublesome people can serve as useful life lessons, but as a parent, you know your child better than anyone else. If you notice your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and try to encourage them to take a break from the game.

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